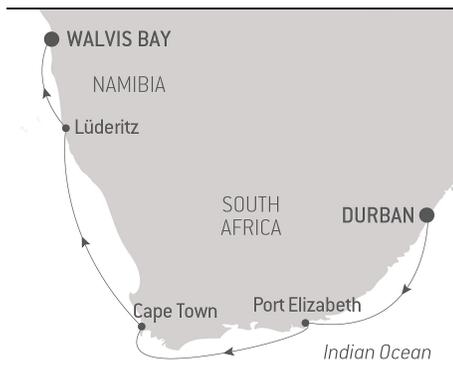


South Africa & Namibia

From **21/04/2021**
to **29/04/2021**

Ship: **LE LYRIAL**

From **Durban**
to **Walvis Bay**



Discover a new **PONANT** itinerary that explores the essential towns and sites of **South Africa's** wild coast and the spectacular **Natural Parks of the south of Namibia**.

At the crossroads of the Atlantic and Indian Ocean, embark aboard **Le Lyrial** on a **9-day cruise** between **Durban**, a cosmopolitan seaside city, and **Walvis Bay**, at the heart of the **Namib desert**.

Your ports of call in South Africa will allow you to discover **Port Elizabeth**, nicknamed "the friendly city" for its welcoming inhabitants, and **Cape Town**, mother-city of the country, dominated by Table Mountain.

With its incredible melting pot of **cultures**, **South Africa** is often described as "a world in one country". It is a land with an extraordinary rich cultural and natural heritage, home to three of the largest terrestrial mammals—the elephant, rhinoceros and hippopotamus—and its plant life alone represents one tenth of the **world's botanic heritage**, with some 25.000 species.

Le Lyrial will then set sail for **Lüderitz** and **Walvis Bay** in Namibia, where you'll be able to discover the stunning landscapes of dunes, lagoons, dried-out canyons and savannah of the **Namib Desert**, one of the largest and most ancient in Africa.

This **coastal desert** is home to thousands of birds, mountain zebras, springboks, giraffes, oryxes and leopards.

In the **Namib Sand Sea**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, **the dunes of golden sand and red ochre** are some of the tallest in the world.

Between **their** bustling metropolises and their **breathtaking natural beauty**, we invite you to discover the two contrasting sides of these incredible countries.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

DURBAN

Embarkation 21/04/2021 from 17h00 to 18h00

Departure 21/04/2021 at 20h30

Situated in the **Kwazulu-Natal** region, the cradle of Zulu culture, **Durban** is the third largest city in South Africa and one of Africa's major ports. Between long beaches rocked by the rollers of the Indian Ocean and the skyscrapers dominating the avenues lined with jacarandas, in this multicultural city with African, Indian and colonial influences, the term "rainbow nation" takes on its full dimension. With a rich cultural and historical heritage, with its museums, colonial buildings and picturesque neighbourhoods, it is also known for the fauna and flora that surrounds it.

AT SEA

Arrival 22/04/2021

Departure 22/04/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

PORT ELIZABETH

Arrival 23/04/2021 early morning

Departure 23/04/2021 early evening

Discover **Port Elizabeth**, one of South Africa's major cities. Located in the province of **Eastern Cape**, Port Elizabeth is nicknamed "The Friendly City", in reference to the hospitality of its inhabitants. Renowned for the beauty of its beaches, Port Elizabeth is also home to rich wild life, particularly in the **Addo National Park**, famous for its elephants. Another key site in the city, the **Donkin reserve** is a public space home to numerous historic monuments. Port Elizabeth also reflects an important aspect of South African history, through both its colonial heritage and its contemporary history marked by the end of apartheid.

AT SEA

Arrival 24/04/2021

Departure 24/04/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

CAPE TOWN

Arrival 25/04/2021 early morning

Departure 26/04/2021 late afternoon

Dynamic and peaceful, cosmopolitan and hip, **Cape Town** offers its visitors a most unique mix. Here, the locals like to say that their city is "the quintessential melting pot of South Africa". Located in the heart of one of the most beautiful bays in the world and dominated by the famous **Table Mountain**, it is graced with extraordinary landscapes including sheer cliffs that plunge into the Atlantic Ocean and vast whitesand beaches. We invite you to discover this incredible city, the South African capital of fashion, the art of living, and gastronomy. Further on, the **Cape of Good Hope** Nature Reserve awaits you and is home to a wide variety of endemic fauna and flora.

AT SEA

Arrival 27/04/2021

Departure 27/04/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

LÜDERITZ

Arrival 28/04/2021 early morning

Departure 28/04/2021 midday

Located in Namibia, in southern Africa, **Luderitz** is a coastal town in the **Karas** region. A former German colony at the gates of the **Namib desert**, this singular town has houses featuring occasionally extravagant colonial architecture. With its sandy streets overlooking the ocean, the small port town gives off a particular atmosphere that will not leave you

indifferent. Perched on a granite promontory, the **Felsenkirche Lutheran church** is well worth a visit, as are the **Deutsche Afrika Bank** building and the **Goerke Haus** monument. The **Kolmanskop** ghost town, with its hospital and abandoned colonial houses invaded by the desert sands, looks like it's come straight off a film set.

WALVIS BAY

Arrival 29/04/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 29/04/2021 at 09h00

On the **wild coastlines of Namibia**, you will feel the force of the encounter between the infinite dunes of **the oldest desert in the world** and the tempestuous waves of the Atlantic Ocean. A natural port in the curve of a bay formed by an old river delta, **Walvis Bay** is protected from the whims of the ocean by the natural barrier of **Pelican Point**. It is a real refuge for migratory birds, where thousands of **pink flamingos** and Cape cormorants mix with one of the largest **Cape fur seal colonies** in the world. On the Namibian coastline, the seals make the most of the Benguela Current, cold and full of fish, which comes up from the Antarctic.